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legitimate for DMV to do with reference to a driver's license they can do, even with the information that I want to delete. Senator Bromm gave the type of presentation which I believe would cause people to reject his amendment to my amendment, then adopt my amendment which strikes all of this material about biometric identifiers. Many people were not paying attention. I would advise you to pay attention to what I'm about to say, and if you don't it doesn't matter, because I'll bring it back to you as we move down the line, as happened to be the case on LB 114. If you look on the Select File agenda, you will see two bills which I have introduced: LB 15, which relates to providing inmates access to their medical records and the same access to the Ombudsman, who is more formerly known as Public Counsel. I did a lot of work on that bill. I had meetings and discussions with Director Clarke, director of the Department of Correctional Services. Farther down on the list you'll see LB 154 and LB 154A. The A bill would fund LB 154, which deals with adopting the Nebraska Correctional Health Care Services Act. Much work was done in compiling information and showing the justification for this kind of legislation by the Ombudsman's Office. Much work was done by a special medical task force assembled by the Governor to inquire into whether the information presented by the Ombudsman in his report had validity. It was determined that it did. I worked with the Ombudsman to craft legislation. There was some concern by people in the Governor's administration and I worked with them and eliminated quite a bit from the bill, which would not have been necessary because what was being attempted by those eliminated portions would be taken care of...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...through existing bureaucracy. I did a lot of work on that bill, in fact more work on that bill probably than any other of my bills. So by fighting LB 574, I'm not just stopping you all from getting what you want, I'm stopping two bills that I really want. So if I'll stop mine, you know what I'll do to yours. The fact that I have bills behind this one will have no bearing whatsoever on how I deal with any other legislation. I'm dealing with these bills on the basis of what the bills project. I'm dealing with them on the basis of the